tion to family income and national income.

(iv) The women should be given control over assets, which can make their economic ventures viable in the long term.

(v) 30 per cent reservations in training programmes should be made for women.

(vi) In the State Governments, the responsibility for planning, coordinating, monitoring, evaluation of women's programmes should be entrusted to an officer of the rank of Financial Commissioner.

(vii) Setting up of an exclusive credit body for women, which should be effectively linked with voluntary agencies.

(viii) Alternative channels for providing marketing outlets for women need to be explored like consumer societies, cooperative societies, super market State Emporia etc.

(ix) The right to employment should be made a fundamental right and this should be coupled with a right to a reasonable wage.

(x) Setting up of Equal Opportunities Commission with teeth to oversee the implementation of laws and policies involving women.

(xi) Establishment of Tripartite Boards in which workers will have as many representatives as the Government and employers with women workers getting representation in proportion to their numerical strength.

(xii) Setting up of a Central Fund from which welfare and social security measures for women could be financed.

(xiii) Providing Child Care and Supportive services to women.

(xiv) Measures for sensitisation of administrative machinery for bringing women into the mainstream of development.

Percentage of Women Marrying and Conceiving before the Legal Age

184. SHRI GURUDAS DASGUTA:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a study conducted by the Family Planning Foundation, in collaboration with the International Development Research Centre, revealing that the percentage of women who marry and conceive before the legal age of 18 is alarmingly high in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and Government's reaction in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI MOTI LAL VORA): (a) and (b) The Family Planning Foundation in collaboration with the International Development Research Centre have conducted a study of infant mortality in relation to fertility in certain selected (Hilly, tribal and rural) districts of five States—Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Karnataka and slums in Bombay during 1987-88, to find out the risk factors responsible for infant mortality, examine its relationship with fertility and suggest appropriate interventions to bring down infant mortality and fertility. The finding of the Study are indicated in the attached Statement. (See below).

A judicious media-mix is used to arouse public opinion against early marriages; this includes T.V. and radio posts, films advertisements and printed publicity material. The State Governments use the material centrally produced and release local specific media material produced by them on issues relating to early age of marriage. The inter-personal

medium of communication like Directorate of Field Publicity which reaches the remote, rural-cum-tribal, backward areas of the country, conducts large number of film shows, oral communication programmes and group discussion on this issue. The Song and Drama Division also covers rural and hilly, backward and tribal areas of the country through folk media.

Statement

PERCENTAGE OF WOMEN MARRIED AND CONCEIVED BEFORE THE AGE OF 18 YEARS IN 5 STATES

	Uttar Pradesh		Madhya Pradesh	Orissa	Karnataka		Bombay Slums
	Hilly	Rural			Rural	Urban	
1. % married before the age of 18 years	87.4	72.9	90.3	51.3	86.4	63.6	76.8
2. % Conceived before the age of 18 years	37.5	26.0	59.0	28 5	43 1	33.2	47.1

Aid sought by Government of Kerala to achieve cent percent Literacy

185. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has sought cent percent Cenral aid for a programme aimed at achieving cent percent literacy in two or three districts in that State by 1990-91; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Kerala desired extension of Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rural Functional Literacy Project to three districts of the State. The State Government has been requested for making available project details, which are awaited.

Construction of foot bridge at Peruman railway station in Quilon

186. SHRI N E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has requested the Central Government to construct a foot bridge on either side of the Peruman Railway Bridge in the Quilon district of that State; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and Government's decision thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to provide 1 M wide footpath on either side of the girders of the existing bridge.

Deaths Killer Disease in the Tribal Areas

187. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 321 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the number of tribals in Bihar, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh